LEVEL ONE

Suddenly
from heaven
there came a sound
like the rush of a violent
wind, and it filled
the entire house
where they were sitting
Acts 2:2

Soundings

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Celebrating 100 Years!

Sustained by God's Grace... Rejoicing in God's Promise

by The Rev. G. Lee Kluth,
Trinity in Everett

Our roots at Trinity in Everett were set down in January 1904 as a church with *English* used during worship. At that time, Everett was a city with 11 shingle and lumber mills, sailing vessels on the waterfront, the stern wheeler "City of Everett", electric trolly cars and the fire department's steam pumper pulled by horse power. We joined the Columbia Conference of the Evangelical Lutheran Augustana Synod and were later received into the Pacific Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in 1915.

In June of 1922 the building at 24th Street and Lombard was dedicated as Trinity English Lutheran Church. "The cost of the new church edifice with its Gothic architecture was some $15,000!" The Rev. W. F. Holl was the pastor

In July 1924 the Rev. Daniel D. Kistler began serving. At that time the choir director was salaried at $8 per month, the organist at $12, and the sexton at $25. One of Pastor Kistler's sons, Luther, will be a special guest for our 100th Anniversary Celebration on Reformation Sunday, October 31. (Editor's Note: Luther and his wife, Dorothy, served as missionaries in Japan at the same time as present pastor and his wife, G. Lee and Pam Kluth)

Rev. Edwin J. Johnson served Trinity from 1924-1964. The congregation participated in home and foreign missions, Christian education

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Sharing Our Faith Stories

If you receive The Lutheran magazine then you know that you receive something special with your subscription. Four times a year a special supplement is inserted in the magazine and you are able to read how we, in the Northwest Washington Synod, are living out our faith—celebrating our love of Jesus Christ.

To continue to share these stories of faith with you and others, the Synod's Communication Committee needs your help. (We are now being asked by The Lutheran magazine to pay for the four supplements. There is no line item in the Synod's budget for this cost.) The Communication Committee believes that the supplements are important and that we need to continue to share these stories through the supplements.

Each supplement costs $350 and reaches 7,500 households. By supporting one or more of these inserts you can be assured that our faith stories will continue to be celebrated. And your support will be mentioned in the supplement. Can you help? Please contact Margit Peiffle, Communication Specialist, at 425-299-6667 or email margit@lutheransnw.org. Thank you.

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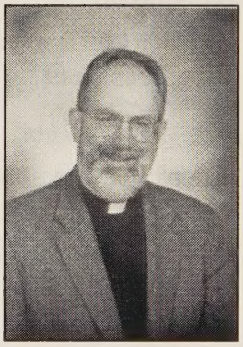
A Word From The Bishop

"There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all." Ephesians 4:4-6



The Rev. Chris Boerger

One of my assignments from the ELCA Conference of Bishops is to serve as the advisory bishop on the Lutheran Association of Maritime Ministries (LAMM). This association is made up of a number of different ministries that serve seafarers throughout this country and around the world. Our own maritime ministry is an important part of this association.

During the last week of July, LAMM was voted into membership to the International Christian Maritime Association (ICMA). I was privileged to attend the ICMA World Conference in New Orleans when the vote was taken to accept LAMM and to participate in the opening worship. It is truly amazing when Christians gather from around the world. We have little in common. Yet, we have everything in common. The fellowship is instant and exciting.

On my first day in New Orleans I attended the morning Lutheran/Episcopal Eucharist. It was held in a divided meeting room in the hotel. In the room next to us was the Roman Catholic Eucharist. The wall was so thin that we could hear everything that was said in the neighboring room. It was most strange to be singing from setting two of the LBW while next to us the same words were being sung to a different tune.

We each heard two different sermons, at the same time on the same text. We each heard different Eucharistic prayers, but at the same time. We each heard the silence of people going forward to receive the sacrament. We each heard the joy of the song of thanksgiving when the meal was concluded. We each were told to go in peace and to serve the Lord.

It was a joy to be with hundreds of brothers and sisters who serve as missionaries to the seafarers of the world. Our unity of message brought us together in common work and planning and, yet, our divisions caused me pain as we celebrated the Lord's Supper.

I know that there are significant theological and practical divisions that prevent us from coming to a common table. I do not wish to diminish the work that has to take place before we come to the same table. I want to share with you what for me has become yet another reason to do that work. We define the church as the people of God gathered around the Word and the Sacraments. On that morning in New Orleans the church was gathered. It was gathered in two rooms with a thin wall between us. I am sure that this is not what our Lord intended on the night he was betrayed.

Synod Council Update

By Sharon Greenwood, Vice President

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Members of the Synod Council met on September 18 at Salem Lutheran Church in Mount Vernon. Business included actions as follows:

- ✓ Elected Rev. Scott Postlewait, Prince of Peace, SeaTac; Glenn Ryder, Denny Park, Seattle; and Claudia LaFollette, Burlington, Burlington, to two-year terms on the Executive Committee.
- ✓ Established a *Review and Evaluation Task Force* to continue to develop an organizational structure proposal.
- ✓ Appointed Phil Nelson, Prince of Peace, SeaTac, to the Board of Directors for Lutheran Community Services, Northwest.
- ✓ Accepted a special monetary gift from Sammamish Hills, Sammamish, which contains a restrictive provision that the gift be used solely at the Bishop's discretion.
- ✓ Approved severance pay of $1,600 for former employee Donene Blair.
- ✓ Authorized a three-year renewal of the agreement to participate in the Lutheran Planned Giving Consortium at a cost of $833 per month.
- ✓ Authorized the transfer of $5,445.54 from the Maritime Ministry Endowment Fund for current maritime ministry expenses.
- ✓ Approved a 1.6 percent cost of living increase in the compensation guidelines for 2005. (The 2005 compensation guidelines are on the synod website at www.lutheransnw.org/leadership.)
- ✓ Declined a request to establish a non-geographical cluster.
- ✓ Approved the 2005 Synod Assembly theme: *Marked with the Cross of Christ Forever.*
- ✓ Appointed members of the *2005 Synod Assembly Planning Task Force*: Steven Chapman, Central, Seattle; Rev. John Erickson, Prince of Peace, Everett; Kathy Ostlund, Our Savior's, Everett; Ralph Quaas, Our Savior's, Everett; Cheryl Wolff, Trinity, Everett. Rev. Jeff Russell, Central, Everett, is chair of the task force.
- ✓ Created a *Long Term Assembly Planning Task Force* and appointed Steven Chapman, Central, Seattle, to chair.
- ✓ Defeated resolution *SA.2004.10: Focus of the Church*, which was referred to the Council by the 2004 Assembly. It was noted that the resolution called for the ELCA churchwide organization to do the work it is already doing through the ELCA Division for Church in Society.
- ✓ Defeated resolution *SA.2004.11: Poll Congregations of the ELCA to Affirm or Rescind CCM*, which was referred to the Council by the 2004 Assembly. It was noted that the resolution contained two issues, each of which had been considered and defeated by the 2003 ELCA Churchwide Assembly.

For additional information or to offer input to the Synod Council, please contact any member of the council. Contact information can be found at www.lutheransnw.org/about/council.asp. The next Synod Council meeting will take place on Saturday, Nov. 20, at Faith in Redmond.

Building Bridges

by Sharon Lone-Browder, Associate in Ministry

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This day-long training seminar is just a start at looking at the issues which, of course, implies an ongoing effort to talk about race relations within our churches and communities.

Our Synod's Anti-Racism training team is ready, willing and able to come to your cluster or community to lead this day-long training. (We have received comments from many people who have trouble understanding why this needs to be a day-long effort. Please understand that it is necessary. The changes that need to take place takes commitment, time and perseverance. This issue has been around for a very long time, and it can't be covered in an hour or two.) Call today to arrange a training session.

Building Bridges: A Pastor's Perspective

by Rev. Carl Gabrielson Our Saviour's, Arlington

Throughout the day we were challenged particulary to bridge the chasm which exists between races in our USA. We learned that as long as we do not work to overcome all the history, attitudes and social and economic structures which separate us, we are participating in racism (even if we think we are personally free of prejudice.)

Our Lord Jesus came to bridge the chasms and tear down the walls which separate us from God and those which separate God's children from one another. *Marked with the cross of Christ forever, we are claimed, gathered, and sent for the sake of the world*—to proclaim that all people are loved by God our Father and to enact that love in our lives. It is through our words and deeds that God will overcome racism and prejudices of every kind. Only then can we hope to live in peace without the threat of terrorism.

Two Options To Give To Help Hurricane Victims

Thrivent Matching Grant or Lutheran Disaster Response

As we are all aware, church members and others have been severely impacted by a series of hurricanes on the East Coast. Following are two options to give money to help the hurricane victims.

Thrivent Matching Grant

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans is offering a challenge grant of $1,000,000 to encourage Lutherans across the country to raise an additional $2,000,000 to support the relief effort. The grant will be administered by Lutheran Services Florida, a cooperative social services ministry of the LCMS and the ELCA.

For gifts to be counted towards the challenge grant, checks should be made out to your local Thrivent Financial chapter. The funds will be consolidated and sent directly to Lutheran Services Florida for the match.

Bulletin inserts can be downloaded at www.thrivent.com/fraternal/FLHurricanes.html. Information on personally volunteering to assist in the relief effort is available on the same site. For more information about the Thrivent matching grant, please call 877-209-6378 or 866-497-9545.

Lutheran Disasater Relief (LDR)

If you prefer to contribute directly to Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR) you can do so on the website at www.elca.org/disaster/. Reproducible bulletins are available on the website, as well as specific contacts for states that are in need of volunteers. Donations may be given through your ELCA congregations, designated for *2004 Southeast Hurricanes,* or given directly to ELCA Domestic Disaster Response.

Remember, contributions to LDR are not matched, only contributions through the Thrivent Chapters are part of this matching grant.

Helping Our Brothers and Sisters in Brevig

A recital of piano duet music will be given by Helen and Paul Baumgartner at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 7, at Trinity, 6215 196th Street SW, Lynnwood.

The Baumgartners have been long-time teachers at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minnesota. They have concertized extensively featuring music for four hands, one piano. Their appearance in Lynnwood takes place on their return from a concert tour in Japan.

A free-will offering will be taken to benefit the Brevig Lutheran Church in Alaska, which suffered extensive damage in a fire in July.

For more information, please contact either Helen Hustad at 425-514-0465 or Norma Aamodt-Nelson at 425-778-2159.

The Spirit

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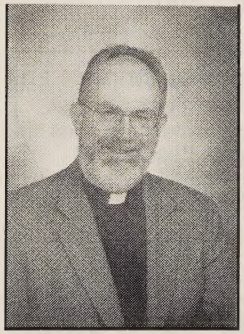
Helping The Hungry

by Wm Chris Boerger, Bishop



The ELCA World Hunger appeal is an important, even vital work of this church. This synod has been and continues to be very well served by the leadership of Cynthia Kopperstad from Grace Lutheran Church, Des Moines. If you need information or resources about this appeal I encourage you to contact Cynthia for support as you join in this work.

For some of our congregations, the World Hunger Appeal is a year long response to God's command that we be stewards of the gifts we receive and that we care for those in need. For other congregations, the Thanksgiving season is

Whenever The Church Gathers

by Rev. Jane Prestbye, Kent Lutheran Church, Kent

Whenever the church gathers we must be about mission – giving away the good news.

That statement by Pastor Dave Sorenson of Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, Maple Valley, prompted two offerings in South King County to buy Bibles for the students at Maasai Girls' Lutheran Secondary School in Monduli, Tanzania.

One offering was made by participants in Bishop Chris Boerger's class *How Lutherans Interpret the Scriptures* for the South King and SeaTac Clusters. More gifts were added at the *Walk Thru the New Testament* event held at Kent Lutheran Church in Kent.

With our $416 missionaries Jean

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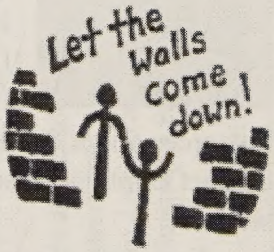

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hunger. They did not fully meet that goal, but they did raise the issues of hunger in the world

One of the frequent images of the reign of God is that food is there for all. The

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2006 will again seek to raise this goal for the sake of the world.

The goal of 25 million dollars is reachable, but we need to work together to respond to God's command to feed the hungry. We have been richly blessed with abundant resources in this country and yet hunger exists here as well. The emergency food programs at Central Lutheran Church, Seattle and at St John United Lutheran Church are two examples of the local responses to this reality.

that the land would flow with milk and honey. They were to respond to this gift with generous care for those who lived among them and who did not have enough to survive. We now live in an abundant land and there are those around us without enough to survive.

There are numerous ways to respond. I invite you to do so through the ELCA World Hunger Appeal. How shall we give thanks? May it be with joy in sharing our wealth and our efforts to feed those who hunger.

organizations. Congregations are encouraged to copy ***The Spirit*** and include it in their own newsletters. ***The Spirit*** can be downloaded from the Synod website.

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ministry.

The story is well told on the website, www.elca.org/hunger. The gifts received are divided, 71.4% for international relief (including Stand with Africa), 10.2% for domestic hunger programs, Education 5.2%, Advocacy 5.4% and Administration 7.8%. Last year, 2003, the World Hunger Appeal received $16,472,631. We have been at this general level for a number of years. The goal the church council and Conference of Bishops have set for this church is 25 million dollars.

The youth of this church were given the picture of the tremendous needs for this work around the world. The ELCA Youth Gathering last summer set the goal of 1 million quarters for world

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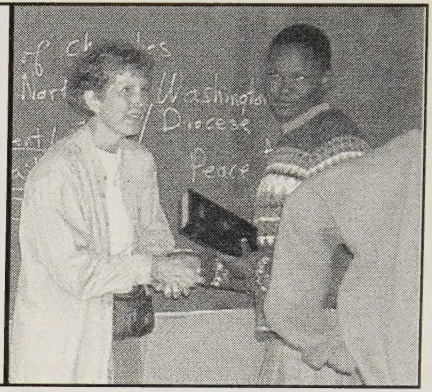
presented the Bibles to the Form Four students while the youth groups of Faith Lutheran Church in North Lakewood and Kent Lutheran Church in Kent were visiting in July 2004.

Here I am presenting a photo to one of the students at the Maasai Girls' School.



Renewing Worship

Provisional Resource for Daily Prayer

Daily Prayer, the seventh provisional resource in the Renewing Worship Series, focuses on pattern of prayer linked to the rhythms of the day and of daily life, primarily in the church's gathering in assembly for these liturgies. It includes examples of how daily prayer may unfold in smaller groups and in personal use.

It is important to note that this volume, *Daily Prayer,* is not a complete collection of the texts and liturgical music to be proposed for daily prayer in the worship resources that will replace *Lutheran Book of Worship (LBW)*. This provisional volume includes mostly a sampling of new material offered for testing and evaluation.

Worship Planning Help

It is not too early to begin planning worship for the church year that begins with this coming Advent. If your congregation is taking an active role in evaluating provisional hymns and songs from the Renewing Worship process, an index has been prepared to assist with your worship planning. The index for Cycle A (Advent 2004-Christ the King Sunday 2005) refers to both *Congregational Song: Proposals for Renewal* and the *Renewing Worship songbook*.

It's Not Too Late

Next summer the churchwide assembly will receive a proposal from the Renewing Worship team outlining a strategy for the future of worship renewal and resources in the ELCA. It's not too late to get involved. Visit the Renewing Worship website for complete information about this process, provisional materials and directions.

Feedback

Feedback will help shape the subsequent stages of the process toward new worship materials. Evaluations for the different volumes may be submitted together or individually. In order to impact the proposal that will go to the Churchwide Assembly in 2005, evaluations should be received by June 1, 2005.

How To Get The Information

All volumes in the Renewing Worship series are available from Augsburg Fortress. Contact them at www.augsburgfortress.org or at 1-800-328-4648. Complete information about Renewing Worship is available at www.renewingworship.org. The website includes copyright information, evaluation forms, graphics as well as many of the rites and music which are available for viewing and downloading.

Partners for Nuture

Marva Dawn who shares her thoughts on faith, worship, education and justice issues around the world is the keynote speaker at the *2005 Partners for Nurture* event.

This year's theme is *Partnership: Living the Faith.* The theme is based on the Bible verse, "Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you." Philippians 4:9 NIV

Join others as *Partners for Nurture* celebrates its 25th Anniversary from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, January 29, at Trinity Lutheran College, 4221 228th Ave SE, Issaquah. Registration begins at 8 a.m. with opening worship at 8:45 a.m. Costs are $30 per individual, for groups of five or more; $35 per individual for groups less than five; and $45 per person after January 17, 2005.

Marva Dawn is a theologian, author and educator with Christians Equipped for Ministry, and a Teaching Fellow in Spiritual Theology at Regent College, Vancouver, BC.

Workshops will be offered throughout the day. To review the available workshops visit www.tlc.edu/partners after Nov. 1.

To register, please contact Bobbi Luedke at 253-630-3813 or email DRJCL4@aol.com. Registration materials have been mailed to all congregations. Please check with your congregation's church office for information regarding registration, child care, B&B option and Nurturing Teacher Award nominations.

Open Door Auction

This year's Open Door Ministries' Auction will be held on Friday, Nov. 5, at Embassy Suites in Lynnwood. The preview begins at 5:30 p.m. with complimentary champagne, sparkling cider and hors d' oeuvres. After the silent auction, dinner is be served at 7:30, followed by the live auction. Cost is $40 per person. Jan Nesse, Assistant to the Bishop, is our Celebrity Announcer.

Open Door Ministries (ODM) is a resource of our synod and is a link between the community and individuals with HIV/AIDS. ODM serves the gay and lesbian population, from Bellingham to Tacoma, who seek support from the faith community.

ODM is dependent on donations and sponsorship, and cannot continue to serve this population without a major fund raiser each year. Individuals look to Rev. Rick Pribbernow as a resource for services. You can reach Rev. Pribbernow at 206-628-0946 or 425-335-6705.

For more information about the auction, contact cmwolff@gte.net or phone 425-347-2722.

ELCA Studies on Sexuality

The Task Force for ELCA Studies on Sexuality has been taking your input very seriously, compiling all responses and will make public on Janaury 13, 2005, a report and recommendations from all the responses.

Our partners in ministry in the ELCA have been working diligently to deliver this report to our rostered leaders before it becomes available to the general public. The plan is for Presiding Bishop Mark Hanson to share the official Task Force report and recommendations with the members of the Conference of Bishops on Tuesday, January 11, 2005. Then, on Wednesday, January 12, 2005, rostered ELCA leaders who have requested to receive the report prior to its public release will receive an email with the private website location (URL). This will allow rostered leaders to read through the report and recommendations before the scheduled ELCA news conference on Thursday, January 13, 2005.

All rostered leaders in our synod have two choices to submit their personal email address to the ELCA. Please submit your personal email address by December 1:

- Send your personal email address to: leaderinfo@elca.org
- Contact the Synod office with your personal email address and we will forward the information on to the ELCA; office@lutheransnw.org

Your personal email address will be used only to receive this special email on Wednesday, January 12. Remember this notification is only for rostered leaders. Please make sure that others do not see the report prior to it being made public.

Updates from the Task Force for ELCA studies on Sexuality can be found at www.elca.org/faithfuljourney.

To What Is God Calling You?

A Retreat To More Clearly Hear God's Call

Who: You and others might be wondering if God is "nudging" you to serve in some public and professional way in the ELCA or other church body.
Why: Because it is God on the other end.
What: A weekend retreat that will be a guided time for persons to reflect, pray, study, worship and to be in conversation about God's call through baptism and the possibility of God's call to public ministry.
Where: Ocean Park Retreat Center, Ocean Park, Washington
When: November 12 through 14
Cost: All meals, lodging and retreat costs are included in the $180 retreat fee.
Contact: Erma Lee at 206-624-0093 or Neal Buckaloo at 509-927-4232.

A Weekend Of Inspiration

David Harsh (and others) will be at Sammamish Hills, Sammamish, the weekend of November 5-7 for a Hands On workshop with musicians who would like to learn more about being an effective leader in informal worship. The event, *Called to Worship 2004: A weekend of inspiration, instruction & collaboration* will wrap-up Sunday, Nov. 7, with an informal worship at 10:30 a.m. and a David Harsh concert at 7 p.m.

David Harsh is a native Washingtonian who is committed to glorifying God with his music. He has won regional and national competitions for his guitar playing and songwriting. He sings about his life experiences and captures in music a vivid description of how God has worked in his life. Workshops will include:

- Keyboard accompanying and orchestrating
- Soundboard basics and mixing
- Percussion using drum kits and world instruments.
- How to lead and remain peripheral
- Coaching on dynamics, intros, ending
- Planning an informal worship service.
- Contemporary Rhythm Guitar I and II

Daily Schedule—Friday, 6 - 8:45 p.m.; Saturday, 9 am - 8:30 p.m. (lunch on your own); Sunday morning services; and Sunday, 7 p.m. a David Harsh Concert. Cost: $30 after October 24 and day of event; $100 per group of four or more from a single church. Location— Sammamish Hills Lutheran Church, 22818 SE 8th St., Sammamish.

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Celebrating 100 Years!

in colleges and seminaries, and many other local organizations. Recently, the Reverends David Getzendanner, Ivar Pihl, Tom Wert, Walt Rice and John Greeny, and Sister Delores Ruge returned to visit Trinity to preach and to participate in the celebrations. They have shared many faith stories about Trinity, their families and Everett.

For many years we have looked to the 15th chapter of John's Gospel: *This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.* Those words have invited many to participate, to be challenged, to be welcomed, to serve, to be aware of God's world, to share excitement, to make commitments, to learn and to act led by God's love each day at Trinity. We have had a blessed start in our first 100 years, so now we ask where will God lead us in 2005 and beyond. I'm sure you will be hearing about how we are doing. Keep us in your prayers as we do for you!

State Advocate's Corner

by The Rev. Paul Benz

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(Editor's Note: Pastor Benz is writing this article as if the November elections are completed. Due to the need to print this publication prior to the elections, please understand the descriptancy.)

Now that the elections are over with, we can all breathe a big sigh of relief! However, the public witness of our Church for the life of the world continues on regardless of who has been elected. The months of November and December are actually good months to communicate with your new and/or re-elected state and federal legislators regarding concerns that you have.

In our congregations, November is the traditional time to receive offerings for church and community hunger programs. I recommend that you also receive an offering of letters to your area state legislators regarding our state's high rate of hunger (still the fifth highest in the country). You can mention the overwhelming bi-partisan support last session for the *Act For Hungry Families* and that improvements on that bill will be sought in January when the legislature convenes. To learn more about this bill please visit www.leg.wa.gov. Lutheran Public Policy Office (LPPO) is willing to help your congregation with an offering of letters.

The great news for LPPO of Washington is that, after two years of dreaming about and working on, we now have have a website—www.lppowa.org! Please use it and let us know what you think. The other good news is that the shared seminary internship with St. John United-Seattle has been approved to be a Horizon site. We look forward to that partnership with the ELCA. The following are some needs for the LPPO:

- A Volunteer to do web site maintenance, about two hours per week.
- A computer/laptop for the shared seminary intern desk at LPPO.
- A volunteer to do 2 to 4 hours per month of database maintenance.

Next month our 2005 legislative priorities brochure will be ready. Finally, please save the date for the next LPPO Advocacy Day in Olympia. The date is set for Tuesday, March 1, at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Olympia. Bishop Martin Wells, Eastern Washington/Idaho, will be our preacher at the morning worship service.

And I am now looking for Sundays in the new year to do the LPPO advocacy "teach & preach" in congregations.

News and Notes

- Please join us, the synod staff, for our annual **Christmas Open House** at the synod office from 2 to 6 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 16.
- **David Swartling,** the synod's legal counsel and member of Bethany on Bainbridge Island, received the Washington State Bar Association Presdient's Award. Congratulations.
- **ELCA Presiding Bishop Mark Hanson** will participate in a public forum with Patricia Killen of the Pacific Lutheran University Religion Department from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 6, at the Scandinavian Cultural Center. The topic is *A Missional Church for A Missional Culture: A New Vision for Evangelism in the Northwest.*
- The **Synod's Domestic Violence Committee** was nominated for the *2004 Action Against Domestic Violence Award* in the Faith Category presented by the King County Coalition Against Domestic Violence.
- Two new resources have recently been added to the ELCA website. The **new ELCA emblem** graphic standards is available at www.elca.org/emblem. The site also includes how to use the new ELCA's tagline, *Living in God's Amazing Grace.* Also available on the website are **free downloadable print ads** for congregations. Visit www.elca.org/ads.

Updates

Board of Pensions

The Synod's local regional representative is Rev. Lowell Knutson; 8003 Sandpoint Way NE, B-23, Seattle, WA 98115; 206-528-7422; email knutsonlw@jps.net

- 2005 Formulary Changes—Brand-name drugs in several therapeutic classes will change to non-formulary (highest copayment), effective Jan. 1, because many equivalent generic drugs (lowest copayment) are now available. To see which drug classes are affected, see www.elcabop.org/news_events/plan_changes/
- Change Your Health Plan Adminsitrator—If you have Preferred Provider Organization Benefits and are thinking about making a health plan administrator election change, please do so by Dec. 15. More information and change forms are available at www.elcabop.org/benefit_plans/health_benefits/administrator_change.asp
- Maximize Your Retirement Savings—A tax- deferred account can increase much more quickly than an investment that is taxed every year. Learn how to start making your own pretax contributions at www.elcabop.org/benefit_plans/your_pretax_contributions.asp
- Reporting Compensation—When reporting a pastor's compensation, please remember the Board of Pensions requires sponsors divide compensation between cash, Social Security allowance, housing allowance or parsonage and furnishings. Why? These steps ensure your pastor's retirement account contributions meet IRS guidelines.

Within Our Family

To Keep In Our Prayers...

- † **Rev. Jerry Buss, Oak Harbor in Oak Harbor,** was recently diagnosed with a benign brain tumor. Pastor Jerry undergwent surgery at UCLA on October 11. The surgery was to remove the tumor.
- † **Stephanie Hastings, daughter of the Rev. Diane Hastings (on leave from call)** is recovering from a September 9 surgery.
- † **Sylvia Maier, wife of Rev. Don Maier (ret.),** underwent successful heart bypass surgery on Oct. 13. Please keep Sylvia and her family in your prayers.
- † The grandfather of **Holly Johnson, Associate in Ministry,** recently passed away. Blessings to his memory.
- † **Rev. Jim Christianson's wife, Siri,** recently passed away. Pastor Christianson is on the roster in SWWA, Consultation to Clergy. Peace to her memory.
- † **Rev. Lou Accola and his family.** Pastor Accola's mother, Joyce, died on Sept. 2. Peace to her memory.
- † **Cherilyn Anderson, wife of Rev. Arnold Anderson,** is now in remission.
- † **Rev. Donna Reilly Williams** is recovering from hand and ankel surgeries.
- † **Rev. Paul Wuest** is undergoing treatment for a recurrence of cancer. Cards may be sent to: 12718 SE 254th Ct; Kent, WA 98031; prwuest@comcast.net.
- † **Rev. Robert Moylan (ret.)** as he continues to deal with profressive muscular dystrophy.
- † **Rev. Jim Schoeld (ret.)** as he continues to learn to do new things.
- † At the regular **Tuesday worship and synod staff meeting,** we pray for our pastors, churches and members. We pray for the health and healing of those we mention in our hearts. We pray for all those affected by the southeast hurricanes. We pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ in our companion synods in Ethiopia and Russia. We pray for the pastors, congregations, and members of the Southwestern Texas Synod, as we are partnered with them by Churchwide. We pray for the country of Iraq and Afghanistan. We pray for peace.

Within Our Family depends upon you—not only for prayers, but also for your prayer requests. Contact the synod office with any additions or changes to this column at office@lutheransnw.org or 206-783-9292, toll free 1-800-244-6997.

Employment Opportunities

Associate Director

The ELCA Global Mission Event team is looking for a new Associate Director for Global Events and Mission Interpretation. Responsible for planning and implementing GMEs, helping globalize other churchwide and synodical events. Applications will be accepted Oct. 1-Nov. 15, 2004. The job description is posted at www.elca.org/gme.

Family and Youth Director

Mt. Si Lutheran in North Bend is seeking Family and Youth Director. Successful candidate will coordinate and lead programs for middle school and high school students, plus coordinate programs for elementary grade youths and young families. Director will also recruit, train and oversee family and youth volunteers for these programs. Degree, experience required. Salary DOE. Resumes by early November to: Jtf2003@comcast.net.

Acoustical Guitarist

Harbour Pointe in Mukilteo is looking for an acoustical guitarist, age 16 to 35 years old, to play music and lead singing for Junior and Senior High Groups: 1 to 2 Wednesdays per month, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.; and 1 to 2 Sundays per month, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Pay is negotiable. Please contact Pastor Mark Saline, Harbour Pointe Lutheran Church, 5425 Harbour Pointe Blvd., Mukilteo, WA 98275; phone 425-353-5253.

Pews
New Home Needed

Upholstered padded seats with traditional wood caprail. Cantilevered, open wood-covered ends. Hymnal racks with card, pencil and communion cup holders. Very good condition. Approximately 400 linear feet. Contact Craig Gillin 425-649-0192, gillindesign@comcast.net; or Our Savior, Issaquah, 425-392-4169.

In The Region 1 Resource Center

Video Resources
In The Resource Center

To reserve videos, contact Region 1 at 206-624-0093, ext. 100

The Heart of Healing Prayer reminds and invites viewers to the high calling of healing ministry. The video invites people into a practice of prayer for healing and offers several simple steps based in part on James 5:13-16. It features: Dr. Kenneth L. Bakken, a physician and pastor who lives in Bellevue; Father John Calbom an Orthodox priest who is researching the healing power of love in prayer; Patricia Cole a professor at the University of Minnesota Medical who maintains a medical practice and is also active in her congregation in a healing ministry; and Margaret Kittleson a practitioner of healing prayer. Ask for V-1365 when you call.

Editor's Note: For the most up-to-date listing of transitions and mobility please visit our website at www.lutheransnw.org and click on Leadership. That website page is updated weekly, when

Transitions

	Location/Event	Effective Date
Anniversaries		
Trinity	Everett, Centennial	10/31/2004
Calls Accepted		
Heidi Fish	Lutherwood	9/7/2004
Ordinations/Commissionings/Installations		
Larry Olsen	Edison, Bow	10/3/2004
Stephanie Coltvet	Grace, Des Moines	9/19/2004
Retirements		
Donald H. Maier		10/1/2004

Mobility

In Call Process	Position	Status	Current Pastor, Interim Pastor, or Supply Pastor
Bellevue, Cross of Christ	PR	TR	Tim Wolbrecht
Bellingham, Our Saviour's	PR	TR	James Miley, Interim
Burien, Glendale	PR	P	Douglas Stensby, Interim
Edmonds, St. Matthew	PR	TR	Dennis Schaffert, Interim
Everett, Faith	PR	NV	Interim pending
Everett, Our Savior's	A	C	David Parks, Pastor
Mountlake Terrace, Bethesda	PR	TR	Steve Nelson, Interim
Renton, Cross & Crown	PR	I	Kate Schecter, Supply
Seattle, Peace	PR	TR	Linda Nou, Interim
Seattle, St. Paul's of Shorewood	PR	TR	Gary Larson, Interim
Trinity, Point Roberts	PR	I	Supply

Mobility Position Key:

PR = Pastor
A = Associate
AIM = Associate in Ministry
DM = Diaconal Minister
A/SP = Associate with Special Emphasis
contact Synod Office)

Mobility Status Key:

I = Interviewing
C = Calling
NV = New Vacancy
V = Vacancy
SC = Synod Call
TR = Transition process
P = Profile presented (receiving nominations)
TR/DO = Div for Outreach Transformation Process

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